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Foster man held in bank robbery

Two more defendants are charged in Project Bank Safe; 12 have been charged federally since last month

A federal magistrate judge today ordered **Robert A. Salisbury**, of Foster, detained on a charge that he committed a robbery at the Dexter Credit Union on April 13.

United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente announced two bank robbery indictments, which a federal grand jury returned on May 4 as part of **Project Bank Safe**, a federal initiative focusing on bank robberies in Rhode Island.

One indictment alleges that Salisbury took approximately \$4,620 belonging to Dexter Credit Union on April 13. The other indictment charges **Timothy F. Connor**, of Providence, with committing two robberies: one on March 31 at Bank of America in which \$3,850 was taken; and one on April 6 at Sovereign Bank in which \$600 was taken. Neither indictment alleges that a gun was used in any of the robberies.

Salisbury, 21, of 69 Moosup Valley Road, pleaded not guilty today before Magistrate Judge Lincoln D. Almond, who ordered him detained. He had been held at the ACI on state charges.

Connor, 42, of 150 Prospect Street, Apt. 2, is detained in Massachusetts, where he also faces robbery charges. An arraignment in the Rhode Island federal indictment has not been scheduled.

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An indictment is merely an allegation and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty. The maximum penalty for bank robbery, upon conviction, is 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

The **Federal Bureau of Investigation, Rhode Island State Police, Providence Police, Scituate Police, and Smithfield Police** investigated the robberies. Assistant U.S. Attorney James H. Leavey is prosecuting the cases.

Since the first indictments were returned in **Project Bank Safe** last month, 12 defendants have been charged federally in 14 bank robberies that occurred between August 12 and April 6.

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